

Sunday May 21, 2023



*All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation
—2 Corinthians 5:18*

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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Gathering to serve God & neighbour
in this community since 1817
We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands
of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

Prayers and Responses

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Reconciling God, we are called to gentleness, to compassion and to radical acceptance of difference. In Christ Jesus, we are learning to walk in new ways with new companions. We are learning to surrender the need to justify, to explain and to fix. We are learning to listen - when creation groans, we groan as well. When your people speak out against injustice, we honour their courage and stand with them. Spirit of God, create in us feeling hearts, clear eyes, and open minds.

Confession:

One: God our Creator, you set us in relationship with each other, to share the earth you made and care for each other as neighbours and nations.

All: We confess that relationships among indigenous and non-indigenous peoples need repair. Years of hurt, trauma and misunderstanding create pain, suspicion, and resentment on all sides. Forgive our reluctance to reach out to those with a different story to tell and awaken the desire for reconciliation within us.

Assurance of Pardon

One: The prophet Micah wrote that God requires three things of us: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. To all who turn away from hostility and seek reconciliation with God and neighbour in kindness and humility, God offers forgiveness and peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you

Prayers of Intercession

Spirit of healing and hope, this Sunday, we pray for the work of healing and reconciliation in Canada, between indigenous people and those who have settled in this land. Increase in us all the spirit of generosity we need to create communities of dignity and mutual respect wherever we live on this land we call home.

All: Let us work for reconciliation and healing.

God, you love your children and gave your only Son to overcome the alienation of sin and brokenness. You know the agony of separation between parent and child. Indigenous children in the care of child welfare agencies are separated from their family. We pray for the wisdom that will see parents and children together in strong healthy families.

All: Let us work for reconciliation and healing.

Almighty God, we ascribe to you power and might, but we like to take power in our own hands. You govern with justice and mercy; but too often we control and limit, believing we are being faithful to you. Sharpen our vision so we may catch a glimpse of you in the places we prefer to ignore or forget and when you are fully among the people we are tempted to dismiss.

All: Let us work for reconciliation and healing.

God of Peace, we pray for the families and communities whose children went to residential school and never came home. We give thanks for the work of historians, archivists, and community groups that are seeking to have residential schools cemeteries maintained and to identify the children who are buried there. Bring peace to families whose children never came home.

All: Let us work for reconciliation and healing.

Creator God, the kingdom Jesus preached about, challenged the political, economic, and social values of the dominant culture. Give us ears to hear our brothers and sisters. Give us eyes to see you in our neighbours, praying especially this day for the Indigenous peoples of Canada, as well as for those people around the world suffering from

oppression and violence, including the people of Ukraine, Syria, Afghanistan, Sudan, and Israel/Palestine. Give us strength to work together to realize the world you would have us build here and now.

All: Let us work for reconciliation and healing.

Compassionate God, hear the words of denial, doubt and defense in our hearts, words like: 'Why do we keep talking about this? I don't think this has anything to do with me. I was not part of this history. This is overwhelming. What can we do now?' Healing God, your children are hurting. Hear the cries of all people who carry heavy burdens on this day.

All: Let us work for reconciliation and healing.

God, source of light and wisdom, soften our hearts and lower our defenses. Give us a retentive and honest memory, a willingness to learn about difficult and new things, and an ability to discern your voice calling us to follow you.

All: Let us work for reconciliation and healing.

Creator, Christ and Spirit, move with us into the week ahead, remind us each day to live according to your will and purpose in all our relationships for we want to bear witness to the love we met in Jesus who taught us to pray together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,

for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Responsive Psalm 137

By the waters of Babylon, we sat down and wept,
when we remembered you, O Zion

**As for our harps, we hung them up
on the trees in the midst of that land.**

For those who led us away captive
asked us for a song,
and our oppressors called for mirth:
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion.”

**How shall we sing the Lord’s song
upon an alien soil?**

If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my strong hand forget its skill.

**Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth
if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.**

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

The year 1685 saw the birth of two giants of music. J.S. Bach and George Frideric Handel were both born into lower middle-class families in Germany. Whereas Bach remained in Germany and focused his career on providing music for the church, Handel was very much the world traveler, eventually settling in England, associating with the aristocracy and composing a wide diversity of music. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment was his *Messiah* composed in 1741. It is very much an inspired work. He composed it at a frenzied pace, sleeping little and finishing the work in just 24 days. The servants who observed him said his fingers swelled from holding his pen for so long. It is said that when finished, he broke down and cried “Now I think I see all Heaven before me and the Great God Himself”. It was introduced in Dublin for a charity and then presented in London with great success. It remains one of the best loved and most performed works of its kind ever written. All of today’s music are excerpts from Handel’s masterpiece.

Solo: But Thou didst not leave..

But Thou didst not leave
His soul in hell
Nor didst Thou suffer
Thy Holy One
To see corruption

Psalms 16:10
G.F. Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this week, both in person and online! We are happy to have you with us, and hope you find the service meaningful and satisfying. Welcome and thank you to our interim moderator, the Rev Marianne Emig Carr, who is leading the service today. After a successful 20-year legal career at General Motors, Marianne felt a “not so gentle” nudge from God to revisit her calling to the ministry. She returned to school and graduated with a Master of Divinity from Knox College. She is now minister at the First Brockville and St. Paul’s Caintown Pastoral charge.

Thank you also to David Holland for chairing the service today.

Fellowship Lunch

Hurray! Back by popular demand! We will restart our monthly **after service fellowship lunches** beginning next Sunday, **May 28th**. We will begin with a light "soup and bread" lunch, rather than a full-on potluck. If you are willing to provide a pot of soup or some rolls and butter, that would be great! Please speak with Susanne after church today, or email at cliff_jungling@hotmail.com We hope to see you there!

CPR-AED Training

This opportunity is open to anyone at St. Andrew’s. To have a private class, we need at least 10 people. Session is willing to subsidize 50% of the cost. Details:

Date: Tentatively June 23

Time: 8am - 12 noon

Location : St. John’s Ambulance, 1292 Bath Rd. Kingston

Your Cost	-Course A (to assist 8yr. old child/adult)	\$35
	-Course C (to assist infant/child/adult)	\$45

Please sign up in St. Andrew’s Hall or contact Janet Payne, by June 9.
nursejanetmay@hotmail.com

Upcoming Worship Leaders

May 28 – Julilee Stitt

June 4 & 11 – The Revs. Paul and Heather Kern

Pastoral Care

If anyone needs Pastoral Care during this time of transition, please contact either Nancy Hancock at (h) 613-546-4951 (c) 613-893-3683 or Dorothy Messenger at (h) 613-767-2835 (c) 902-830-0692.

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE AND REACH OUT

Circle of Prayer

This team of St. Andrew's members is ready to add their prayers to yours. If you would like to join our circle, or if you have a prayer request (confidentiality assured), please contact our co-ordinator Dorothy at dotmessenger@gmail.com

Food Basket

Remembering neighbours in need, we have resumed collecting foodstuffs for distribution through the Partners In Mission food bank. You are invited to bring a contribution on Sunday mornings.

Upcoming Online Education from the PCC Webinar: Is Intelligence Enough? Exploring Human and Artificial Intelligence. What is artificial intelligence? How does it compare to human intelligence? How do we think about AI critically? Join the Faith and Life Sciences Reference Group (FLSRG) of the Canadian Council of Churches (CCC) on May 31st from 4:00 – 5:30 pm (ET) for the first of a series of webinars on artificial intelligence. Dr. Peter Kuhnart will give a plenary presentation followed by responses and discussions with other FLSRG members. Click the link for more info:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/is-intelligence-enough-exploring-human-and-artificial-intelligence-tickets-619849746277?bblinkid=269437554&bbemailid=47543822&bbejrld=1599232037>

PWS&D Update: Malawi Post-Cyclone Freddy

A Stable but Difficult Situation

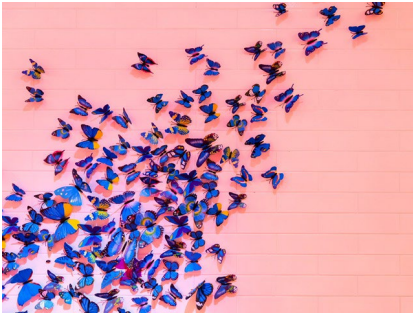
In a recent update, the Rev. Dr. Blair D. Bertrand, who serves through the Life and Mission Agency as the Malawi Liaison with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, reports from Malawi that the situation in the country, while stable, is difficult. Some 500,000 people were still seeking shelter in April after Cyclone Freddy made landfall twice in the country's southern region. The Presbyterian Church is responding to Cyclone Freddy in Malawi through Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D). PWS&D provided an initial contribution to its partner, Churches Action in Relief and Development, to assist with search and rescue efforts, needs assessments and immediate food for evacuated households. As of April 12, 325 households living in temporary shelters received an initial food distribution of a 10 kg bag of maize flour, as well as soya packets, to enable them to meet their immediate food requirements.

Financial Review to April 2023	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$73,653	\$54,790
Missions	\$6,500	\$5,867

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle: Larry
Livestreaming: Christopher & Benjamin
Flowers: Dorothy
Ushers this week: Philippe, Rory
Ushers May 28: Dorothy, Andy

Mission Moment – ARISE Ministry



ARISE Ministry is a mission of The Presbytery of East Toronto. Arise means Advocacy and Reclaiming Individuals involved in the Sex trade through Empowerment. Through outreach, case management and spiritual care, ARISE builds caring relationships, provides support, raises

awareness, and helps reclaim stolen futures. Those involved in the sex trade can participate in goal setting, resource support, case conferencing and self-defence training. ARISE seeks to raise awareness by speaking in churches, schools, community groups, and companies to provide education about sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Case management offers goal-oriented, one-on-one programs for those who are or have been involved in the sex trade. These connections give participants the supported needed to gain a sense of belonging. Once a month, over lunch, participants share in conversation, prayer and friendship. ARISE offers a ministry to the community through accompaniment, advocacy, hospital and jail visits, court support and pastoral care. ARISE is giving hope and changing lives. To learn more, visit: [Angel - ARISE Statement - YouTube](#)



In 2023, through offerings designated “Mission”, members of St. Andrew’s Kingston have a goal of contributing \$1,165 the work of Christ through ARISE

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